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SUBJECT: CALL BY NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (NA) MINISTER
OF HEALTH

1. DURING A BRIEF VISIT AT HIS REQUEST ON APRIL 12,
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES MINISTER OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION GUALBERTO T. HERNANDEZ PASSED ON TWO MESSAGES
TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM THE NA PRIME MINISTER. FIRST,
HERNANDEZ NOTED THAT U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON REFINED
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE HAVING A VERY ADVERSE AFFECT
ON THE NA ECONOMY (20P UNEMPLOYMENT, PLANTS OPERATING
AT 65P CAPACITY). NOTING THE TRADITIONAL
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND NA, HE ASKED THAT YOUNG
BRING THIS PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT IN
ORDER TO SEEK PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR NA IMPORTS.
YOUNG PROMISED TO PROVIDE HERNANDEZ WITH AN OVERVIEW OF
SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

2. HERNANDEZ ALSO TOLD YOUNG THAT THE PRIME MINISTER
IS PLANNING A VISIT TO WASHINGTON AT THE END OF MAY
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OR EARLY JUNE AND ASKED IF YOUNG COULD ARRANGE A
MEETING FOR HIM WITH THE PRESIDENT. YOUNG SAID THAT
THE PRESIDENT HAD SEEN 68 HEADS OF STATE LAST YEAR
AND IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO CUT BACK ON THE NUMBER OF
SUCH VISITS. ALSO, THE TRIP IS AT A BAD TIME BECAUSE
OF THE NATO MEETING AND THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). YOUNG SAID

THAT HE THOUGHT A VISIT WITH OTHER US OFFICIALS
COULD BE ARRANGED AND PROMISED TO GET BACK TO HERNANDEZ.
HE SAID THAT THE PM MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER COMING
TO NY DURING THE SSOD WHEN MANY HEADS OF STATE WILL BE
HERE, PERHAPS INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT. HE SUGGESTED
THAT HERNANDEZ CALL DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SHELTON REGARDING THE VISIT.

3. HERNANDEZ TOLD YOUNG THAT THE NA HAS BEGUN
EXPLORATION FOR OFF SHORE OIL. TOURISM, HE SAID,
HAS BEEN PICKING UP.

4. WE HAVE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (SCHIELE-IO/UNP)
DOCUMENTS HERNANDEZ PROVIDED TO YOUNG RELATED TO
THE NA INTEREST IN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

5. AS A COURTESY, WE INFORMED DUTCH MISOFF BENTINCK
OF THE VISIT. LEONARD

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